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DOCKET # A-2013-7 APPEAL OF THE CLOSING OF THE FERNANDINA BEACH
DOWNTOWN POST OFFICE

Our downtown business district is losing the post office because of allowing the building to deteriorate. There has been no routine maintenance performed in years. The outside of the building has been allowed to become overgrown with weeds and untrimmed shrubbery. No notice letter was posted and placed in the existing boxes. My office had just expended a large amount of money on new stationary less than two weeks prior. Now I will have to obtain a new PO Box and redo, at my expense, the same order. This is a decision made without public input and without concern for the public's needs. While I understand the need to conserve resources the manner in which it is accomplished is as an important as the act itself. The downtown facility is a part of our downtown's core, you see your neighbors, fellow citizens and many tourists there for many things the Postal Service offers. The service to Fernandina will greatly suffer by this closing. The personal expense is minimal compared to the social harm it will cause. I urge you to rescind this decision.

Respectfully submitted,
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